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TAGS: ETRD, EEC, UK
SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEW OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS PROSPECTS

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1. ROBIN GRAY, DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, PAINTED A GLOOMY PICTURE OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS PROSPECTS WHEN AN OCTOBER 5 CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT TURNED BRIEFLY TO TEXTILES. HE FELT THAT "WE" (PROBABLY MEANING NOT JUST THE UK BUT AT LEAST THE EC) WERE IN FOR TROUBLE. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE EC IS GOING TO TRY TO IMPOSE TOUGH AGREEMENTS ON THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES. WHILE THERE WOULD BE A LITTLE "GIVE" IN THE EC POSITIONS, IF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE TEXTILE NEGOTIATING MANDATE WERE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY ACHIEVED, THE EC WOULD, HE BELIEVED, "GO UNILATERAL"-- I.E., IMPOSE QUOTAS. THIS WOULD BE AN AGONIZING DECISION FOR THE EC, BUT HE FELT THAT THE PRO-LDC DUTCH
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WOULD AGREE TO IT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION OF THEIR INDUSTRY, AND THE NON-PRO-LDC BUT LIBERAL TRADING GERMANS WOULD, TOO, BECAUSE OF WORRIES ABOUT DOMESTIC UNEMPLOYMENT.

2. GRAY EMPHASIZED TO US HIS HOPE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD "BRING PRESSURE ON THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES

TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE EC MEANS BUSINESS."

3. WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET GRAY'S VIEWS ON THE HONG KONG POSITION. HE FELT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS EXTREMELY REALISTIC AND THAT IT WOULD NOT OVERPLAY ITS HAND--IT WOULD GET THE BEST DEAL IT COULD OUT OF THE EC BUT WOULD SIGN. HE INDICATED THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPECT MUCH PATERNAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.K., AND DID NOT SEEM TO TAKE REPORTED HONG KONG THREATS OF RETALIATION VERY SERIOUSLY.

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